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To: State Board of Education Members

From: Reed Hastings, President and Charter Schools Liaison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Reed Hastings".

Subject: Item 26, January 2004 Agenda
Appointments to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

The Advisory Commission on Charter Schools includes representatives of various segments of the education community. Currently, there are two vacant positions, one representing county superintendents of schools and the other representing school district superintendents. I would like to recommend the appointment of Vicki L. Barber, to the vacant position representing county superintendents. As the El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, Vicki has been a leader in the development of excellent charter schools in her area of the state. She will be a very positive, constructive participant on the Advisory Commission, just as she has been as a member of the Public School Act (PSAA) Advisory Committee. I am very appreciative of her willingness to serve in this capacity.

For your information, I provide below Vicki's statement of personal philosophy from the Web site of the El Dorado County Office of Education.

"Your children are precious to you. They deserve a quality education in safe, caring schools by highly qualified and motivated staff committed to excellence and service. My adult life as a teacher, psychologist, and educational leader, has been devoted to the idea that our children come first. During my terms as El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, the education of your children has been my goal: how well they are cared for today and how well they are prepared for tomorrow.

"We are committed to work hard for our children by seeking to find the best teachers, assisting in building more and better schools, and developing stronger partnerships with government, private industry, and small businesses. We are accountable to our clients, not only in providing a quality education for our youth, but also in maintaining sound management practices and care in how we spend your money. I am pleased that all fifteen El Dorado County District Superintendents are dedicated to these same goals.

"The future of our country rests in our children. Their education is our greatest responsibility. It is my privilege to continue to serve you as El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools."

I do not have a recommendation to make at this time for appointment of a representative of school district superintendents.

cc: CDE Executive Staff